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Mr. Hugh T. Cunningham
Director of Training
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Washington, D. C. 20505

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Dear Mr. Cunningham:

I have carefully considered your request of 18 December 1970 for a regular quota of two civilian students to attend the Industrial College beginning with the 1971-72 class.

The Central Intelligence Agency is one of a large number of non-Defense agencies which have regularly sent students to the College for many years. Since 1958, as you point out, the Agency has been represented by at least two students in each annual Resident School class until the current one. CIA does not, however, have a "quota" of civilian student spaces at the College, as do, for example, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Defense Supply Agency, the Defense Communications Agency, and several other agencies directly allocated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Of the 180 student spaces, military and civilian, currently authorized for each year's class, only 12 are allocated by the Commandant of the College, under authority delegated by the Joint Chiefs. Generally speaking, students from the non-Defense agencies must be accommodated within these 12 spaces.

As recently as 1967, the Commandant had 15 spaces to allocate to non-Defense agencies. Subsequent increases in the number of spaces made available by the JCS to the Defense Department have reduced the number allocable by the Commandant to the present level of 12. One of the spaces thus taken away from the Commandant's small quota was assigned permanently to the Defense Intelligence Agency. In an effort to remain within the new constraints and to maintain what it regards as a reasonable balance between the students from intelligence agencies and those from other agencies, the College accordingly offered one student space to CIA in the current class.

Roughly the same distribution is planned for the class of 1971-72, and this was the basis for our decision to offer one student space to CIA in that class. We fully appreciate the benefits our other students derive from a ten-months' association in an academic environment with officers from the intelligence community, and regret that the College does not have more spaces at its disposal to permit a larger representation of this important professional element. You may rest assured that your Agency will be given every consideration in the event that any vacancies become available for re-allocation in the 1971-72 class.

Sincerely yours,

J V Smith
J. V. SMITH
Vice Admiral, USN
Commandant